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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5215

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Commending Swan Island Club.

Patron—Knight

WHEREAS, Swan Island Club, an established hunting club in Currituck County, North Carolina, has been an integral part of the history and culture of the Currituck Sound region for nearly 150 years; and

WHEREAS, Swan Island Club traces its roots to 1870, when a group of sportsmen from New York, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts ran aground in Currituck Sound during a storm; the group enjoyed the area so much, they returned in 1872 and built a clubhouse, which was originally known as Crow Island Club; and

WHEREAS, employing caretakers and guides from nearby Knotts Island, Swan Island Club has been an essential part of the local economy for over a century; the club has kept continuous records since its founding and has been a responsible partner in preserving the environment by always adhering to game laws; and

WHEREAS, with over 9,000 acres of beach, marsh, and shoal, Swan Island Club provides some of the area's best opportunities for hunting duck and other waterfowl; the club holds the distinction of being the only property in Currituck County on the shoal area; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the Swan Island Club's membership has included prominent businessmen, attorneys, and government officials from up and down the East Coast of the United States; the club once hosted former President Grover Cleveland and was a favorite travel destination of celebrated painter Bob Timberlake; and

WHEREAS, the current members of Swan Island Club—David Pender III, Thomas C. Broyles, Leslie B. Disharoon, H. Furlong Baldwin, Andre W. Brewster, Charles R. Jenkins, Sr., and William F. Ward, Jr.—carry on the club's longstanding traditions of service to the region and work to preserve its rich history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Swan Island Club for its many contributions to the history, culture, and livelihood of the Currituck Sound region; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Swan Island Club as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its storied history and many contributions to the region.

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